

PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Yukio KAKITA et al. :  
Serial No.: National Entry of PCT/JP03/09558 :  
Filed: Herewith :  
For: PACKAGING APPARATUS, PACKAGING :  
METHOD, AND PACKAGING SYSTEM :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 9 of this paper. Claims 1-18 are pending, with claims 1, 11, and 12 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.